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Docket No. 1232-4667**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Atsushi OTANI

Group Art 2622

Serial No.: 09/747,901

Examiner: Heather D. GIBBS

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

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1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration (9 pages);
2. Petition for Two Month Extension of Time (w/ authorization to charge deposit account) (2 pages).

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a (two month) Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith, along with the requisite fee, extending the date for responding until January 18, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.